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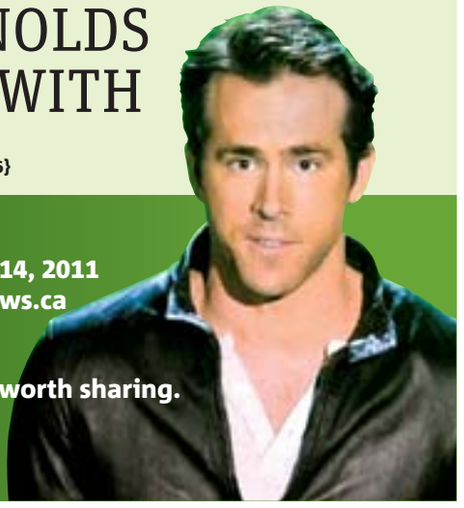

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News worth sharing.

Blues. Festival

▶ My Morning Jacket front man Jim James radiates hair and soulful intensity at the main stage yesterday.

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Bluesfest wakes up to My Morning jacket

My Morning Jacket's distortion- and bass-infused postmodern revamp of Louisiana pedal-steel blues, folk rock and Neil Young–influenced music thrummed through the crowd at the Ottawa Bluesfest main stage. Despite the band's growing popularity, blues legend Buddy Guy drew the bigger crowd. For more images from the concert, go to metronews.ca.

Council squabbles over LRT locations

Approves motion to look at Orleans

Council votes today on a $2.1-billion light rail plan, but city councillors got into a verbal dust-up yesterday over where the city should build light rail next.

Rideau-Goulbourn Coun. Scott Moffat tweeted "ZING!" during the meeting, characterizing the tone as councillors accused each other of jumping "the queue" to get LRT in their wards.

Cumberland Coun. Stephen Blais introduced a motion — eventually approved — telling staff to develop options for building an LRT line to Orleans at the earliest opportunity, given certain financial constraints.

His motion has staff looking at ways to use money earmarked for future rapid-bus service to Orleans on rail instead — and to do it before updating the citywide Transportation Master Plan next year.

"It's great to dream ... but let's get Phase 1 done first."
MAYOR JIM WATSON

Gloucester Southgate Coun. Diane Deans objected, saying the motion would help the east "jump the queue."

Her motion to take out wording directing the study be done "at the earliest opportunity" was voted down. Blais said Deans had already put forward a motion to the Transit Commission to spend $200,000 of unbudgeted money to advance the O-Train expansion to Leitrim.

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Mod shops need greater scrutiny: Board

An increase in "high-risk" body-modification procedures has prompted the Ottawa Board of Health to ask for more money to step up inspections.

"Some of the procedures are becoming more invasive over time, such as branding, tongue splitting, implants and subcutaneous piercings," Coun. Diane Holmes, the board's chairwoman, said yesterday.

"It's essential that the implements be sterile and the area be clean, and we have not been able to send sufficient numbers of inspectors out."

Dr. Vera Etches, associate medical officer of health, said HIV and hepatitis B and C can be transmitted through body modification.

Although there are no known cases in Ottawa of HIV or hepatitis being contracted from tattooing or body modification, there have been reports of fungal or skin infections, she said.

Part of the problem, she added, is that tattoo parlours aren't licensed and practitioners do not need to meet an education requirement. To that end, the board has been trying to teach the establishments safe procedures. ● JESSICA SMITH

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▶ Tattoo artist Jonathan Hood shows off his body mods at his shop in Tulsa, Okla. Several Ottawa tattoo shops declined to be interviewed or photographed.

They've got their marching orders

Canadians have taken part in Nijmegen marches since 1952 This year, ill and injured soldiers join in

STEVE COLLINS
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Boots on the ground? Check.

Next week, 205 Canadian Forces members from across the country will lace up for the world's largest marching event, the International Four Days Marches Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

There, joined by 45,000 others from more than 50 countries, they will march 160 kilometres, eight hours a day for four days, through Dutch towns and countryside.

At a departure parade for the marchers yesterday at the Canadian War Museum, Brig.-Gen. John Madower, who commands the Canadian contingent, said the special relationship between Canada and the Netherlands adds significance to the event.

"When they march by, they will receive a lot of applause and very warm vibes coming out of the crowd."
H.E. WIM GEERTS, DUTCH AMBASSADOR

"Canadians are loved in the Netherlands because of our history going back to World War II and the liberation of the country," he said. "And so it's a special relationship we have with the Dutch people, and to participate in the Nijmegen marches is very special."

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

▶ Canadian Forces troops taking part in the 2011 Nijmegen march in the Netherlands rest their feet at the Canadian War Museum while they still can.

Master Cpl. Justin Pike, a first-time marcher who joined training late, said he's marched only 600 kilometres in preparation — other participants have hiked 800 to 1,000 — and had brutal blisters to show for it.

"I almost made my partner vomit helping me change my bandages," he said, adding jokingly, "My feet can now stop bullets. It's pretty cool."

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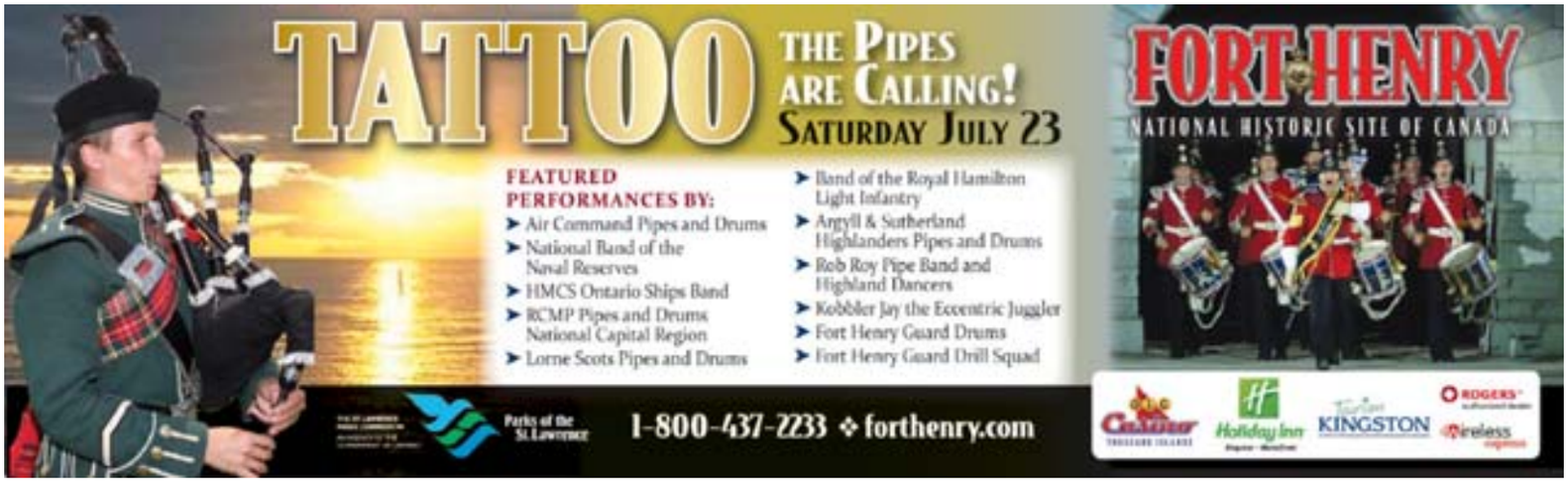
On the web

Mark David Kaplan plays Zazu in The Lion King, opening tonight at the NAC. See our exclusive interview with him at metronews.ca.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Boyfriend killer sent back to jail

Father says he shot daughter's boyfriend to save her from drugs ◆ Sentence brings some closure to 2 families

A Saskatchewan father who said he shot his daughter's boyfriend to save her from drugs is going back to jail.

It's an apparent end to a long and emotional legal battle for two families.

Kim Walker, 54, was sentenced yesterday to eight years in prison after a jury found him guilty of manslaughter in the 2003 death of James Hayward.

Justice Ellen Gunn in Yorkton deducted six and a half years for the more than three years Walker has already spent in jail. He'll serve another 18 months.

Court heard during the trial in May that Walker shot Hayward five times — and then leaned down and drew a bloody cross on the dying man's forehead.

Jadah Walker was 16 when she moved into Hayward's home in Yorkton. He was 24.

Court heard that Walker feared for his daughter's life as well as his own.

He testified that Jadah was doing drugs after moving in with Hayward. He had tried to get police and school counsellors to help, but no one did.

At one point, Walker petitioned to have his daughter held for 72 hours in a psychiatric ward. By then her weight had dropped to about 95 pounds from 135.

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▶ Kim Walker

She went back to Hayward's house shortly after she was released — the day of the shooting.

Jadah Walker testified that Hayward was a "bad influence" on her life — he sold drugs and injected her with morphine. She also testified that Hayward had threatened her parents.

She said her father came to Hayward's house on the day of the shooting and pleaded with her to come home.

She said Hayward yelled at her father to get out of the house. That's when her dad grabbed his gun and started firing, she said.

"He is a contributing member of society. He has expressed remorse to the Hayward family."
JUSTICE ELLEN GUNN, SENTENCING KIM WALKER

Both the Walker and Hayward families seemed relieved with the sentence.

"As long as he's back in jail, I'm OK," said Hayward's mother, Lorrie Getty.

Jadah said: "Personally I think that's a huge victory for my family.

"I'm a little bit unsatisfied that he has to go back in, but given that she's crediting him for six and a half years is phenomenal.

"And you know, 18 months, we can work with 18 months."

Defence lawyer Balfour Der argued that Walker acted in self-defence.

"I think the sentence is too high for this man in these circumstances. He should have got the minimum as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Der said Walker has 30 days to decide if he wants to appeal.

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Brazil. Plane crashes

▶ Workers inspect the burned-out shell of the plane in Recife, Brazil, yesterday.

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Flames end her chance of life

A woman passenger pleaded for help after a small airliner crash-landed in Brazil yesterday, gesturing through a window to onlookers. But the aircraft burst into flames before aid could arrive. All 16 people on board were killed, officials said. The twin turboprop aircraft reported problems after taking off from Recife.

Morning drama

- Neighbours awoke June 1 to the sounds of a man attacking a family of raccoons with a shovel, police say.
- Officials say one baby raccoon suffered some broken toes and was taken to a wildlife rehabilitation centre to recover.
- The mother raccoon took the other babies away.

Raccoon case eased

The Crown is pursuing lighter charges than it could seek against a Toronto man who allegedly beat a family of raccoons in his backyard.

Dong Nguyen faces charges of animal cruelty and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Crown lawyers told court yesterday they are working with the charges as summary offences rather than indictable charges. Indictable offences would allow for greater punishment.

Nguyen, 53, could serve a sentence of no more than 18 months if convicted of animal cruelty.

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Mumbai rocked by explosions

Three blasts, minutes apart, kill more than 20 people Worst India terror attack since 2008 siege

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▶ A bomb squad member collects evidence at the site of an explosion at Dabar in Mumbai, India, yesterday. Three blasts rocked India's busy financial capital, killing at least 21 and injuring 141.

Three co-ordinated bombings tore through the heart of India's busy financial capital during rush hour yesterday, killing 21 people and wounding 141.

Bloody bodies were strewn in the dirt of Mumbai's crowded neighbourhoods. Doors were ripped off storefronts and motorcycles were charred.

After the blasts in three separate neighbourhoods, police set up checkpoints and were put on high alert.

The bombings came just months after peace talks resumed between India and Pakistan, which New Delhi has blamed for past attacks.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh condemned the blasts and appealed to the people of Mumbai "to remain calm and show a united face."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, and Indian officials refused to speculate on who might be behind the blasts.

Indian officials have accused Pakistan's powerful spy agency of helping coordinate and fund earlier attacks, including the 2008 Mumbai siege, which killed 166 people over three days.

Peace talks between the countries were suspended after the siege and resumed only recently.

Pakistan's government expressed distress about the loss of lives and injuries soon after yesterday's blasts were reported.

U.S. President Barack Obama also condemned the "outrageous attacks."

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▶ Hamid Karzai.

Afghan president mourns brother

A heartbroken Hamid Karzai stood weeping in his murdered half brother's open grave yesterday as one of southern Afghanistan's mightiest power brokers, felled by the point-blank bullets of a confidante-turned-assassin, was laid to rest.

Beyond the confines of the sprawling government guest house where the Afghan president was grieving, however, few were shedding a tear for Ahmed Wali Karzai.

"My message to the Taliban, my brothers, is that they should stop killing their own people," president Karzai told the gathered mourners.

The streets of the provincial capital were empty and most shops closed in anticipation of a bloody backlash — a testament to the power Karzai, a political kingpin, wielded during the time he was alive.

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Pulling. Strings

▶ A demonstrator from Avaaz, a global campaigning group, wearing a Rupert Murdoch head, holds a puppet of Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron in front of the U.K. Parliament in London yesterday.

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Media mogul backs down on bid

In a stunning retreat, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. dropped its bid yesterday to take full control of British Sky Broadcasting during what the prime minister called a political and media "firestorm" over phone hacking at one of the media baron's U.K. newspapers. Murdoch stepped back from making potentially his biggest, most lucrative acquisition, accepting that he couldn't win British government approval of the takeover since the country's major political parties are united against it.

Google faces off

Social data could help Plus rise to the top: Analysts

Google didn't build its new Plus service simply to have an online hangout like Facebook. Rather, Google's new social-networking endeavour is trying to gain valuable insights into people's lives.

This could help the company do a better job of targeting ads so that advertisers would pay more and have less reason to spend on Facebook. Plus represents Google's best shot yet at muscling into a market that has threatened to topple the Internet search and advertising leader, as Facebook leads in making the online world social.

Plus is reminiscent of Facebook — with a Google touch. People can share photos and status messages, chat with friends and follow news updates. A feature called circles allows users to organize friends into groups, such as family, close friends or fishing buddies, and choose what to share.

Google Plus is still in a restricted, test phase. Only time will tell if it takes off or if it's too little, too late to face off with Facebook and Twitter.

Early response to Google Plus has been positive. But that's no guarantee for broader success.

"Google needs to have a social strategy that is relevant to Google and the way people use Google applications," said Susan Etlinger, analyst at Altimeter Group. "That's very different from how people use Facebook."

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RIM's success to be shaped

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion will have to deliver strong new products and financial results to counter doubts about its future prospects, analysts said yesterday, a day after RIM met with shareholders.

"Unless we see positive buildup in market share and positive sell-through of smartphones and tablet PlayBooks, I think for us it's going to be a matter of standing on the sidelines," said technology analyst Sameet Kanade of Northern Securities Inc. "They have gone in four years from being a leader to a reactor."

Shares in RIM dipped in morning trading a day after co-chief executives Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis admitted that it could be doing better in some areas, but remained staunchly upbeat that a new generation of high-end BlackBerrys will drive stronger results.

Recent troubles have attracted criticism and depressed RIM's stock value, including the debut of its PlayBook tablet, a cut to its financial guidance and a plan to lay off some staff.

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▶ RIM's tablet, the PlayBook.

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Air Canada fails in French

Air Canada will have to pay $12,000 to an Ottawa couple because it failed to offer them services in French. A Federal Court judge has also ordered the airline to apologize to the duo. The case arose out of trips the couple took to the U.S.

Air Canada is also required to come up with a system to identify and track violations of its linguistic obligations.

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Chrysler's top-selling Ram pickup recalled

Chrysler is recalling more than 242,000 Ram pickup trucks because of a problem with steering. The recall affects Ram 1500, 2500 and 3500 pickups from the 2008 to 2011. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that a part near the left wheel can fracture and cause loss of steering control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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FIRST PLACE IN THE RACE TO MEDIOCRITY

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

I hate to boast, but the fact is I play sports with an incredibly consistent level of mediocrity.

I'm not good or bad. I'm just there.

Tennis? Running? Ball hockey? Average, average, average.

And I love it.

Want to take me on? Well, son, you best stand back at a moderate distance because I'm about to get all middling on your ass. I'm not just mean. I am THE mean.

You say you're average too? Well then, step up, and we'll find out what happens when the undistinguished force meets the intermediate object.

As you can see, it's easy to get my competitive juices flowing, even if those juices are of no-name-brand quality. I have the killer instinct, just no weapons to kill with.

At first blush, it probably seems strange that I have a viciously competitive attitude toward sports when they usually leave me blushing, period. How can I play so happily when I know I'm so very so-so?

"One day, for instance, I can look back on a friendly tennis match and recount it like I'm some epic warrior, even if it's the tale of when I had each of my limbs hacked off by a much better warrior who had this amazing overhand broadsword."

It's simple: I like adventures and want to be part of one, even if I'm just a background character.

Sports are just storytelling in real time, and not everyone can be Indiana Jones. Some of us are just University Student, Bad Guy No. 2, or Guy Who Gets His Head Run Through By A Spike.

Any part in the story will do.

It's a natural urge, to want your life to be a grand adventure. But it's hard to pretend I'm a superhero when the hardest decision I face is deciding how many times a pair of jeans can be re-worn before washing, so I instead play sports — make-believe for adults.

One day, for instance, I can look back on a friendly tennis match and recount it like I'm some epic warrior, even if it's the tale of when I had each of my limbs hacked off by a much better warrior who had this amazing overhand broadsword.

As a mediocre player, I have a small part to play in the narratives of players both better and worse. Just starting to play tennis? Make reaching my skill level a short-term goal! A slightly above-average runner? You'll feel like a world-beater when you blow by me! I'm an inspiration!

So this one goes out to all the mediocre athletes out there. The third-line left-wingers, the soccer fullbacks, the right-fielders batting eighth. I stand with you, here in the middle of the road, ready to offer all the support I can muster. An average amount, of course.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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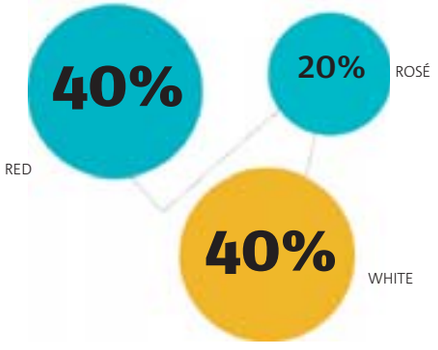

Local tweets

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- **@joeryantweets:** Went for a test run on my new longboard with @C_Slingerland now off to see metric and my morning jacket rock #bluesfest
- **@TheTimaxoxo:** JUNOS IN OTTAWA NEXT YEAR ! HELLS YES :)
- **@JimWatsonOttawa:** Know a good volunteer? Nominate someone for a @VolunteerOttawa #VOscar award! Deadline: July 15: http://t.co/m8Xgvnw #ottcity #Ottawa
- **@allysally87:** Sooooo bored in class someone help me out!!!
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- **@ClaudiaPetrilli:** @fleur_de_lotus I like helping people even if I don't like them :) @CLBuchanan-Photo @SharonDV @kathybuckworth
- **@lainybird:** Hey smokers at #bluesfest have some consideration for the ppl around you. They shouldnt have to move so you can smoke. Get out of the crowd

Letters

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

What do mosquitoes like more than clean, human skin? Stinky socks. Scientists think the musky odour of human feet can be used to attract and kill mosquitoes that carry deadly malaria. The Gates Foundation announced yesterday it will help fund one such project in Tanzania.

The traps could provide the first practical way of controlling malaria infections outside.

Dutch scientist Dr. Bart Knols first discovered mosquitoes were attracted to foot odour by standing in a dark room naked and examining where he was bitten, said Dr. Fredros Okumu, the head of the research project at Tanzania's Ifakara Health Institute. But over the following 15 years, researchers struggled to put the knowledge to use.

Then Okumu discovered that the stinky smell — which he replicates using a careful blend of eight chemicals — attracts mosquitoes to a trap where they can be poisoned. The odour of human feet attracted four times as many mosquitoes as a human volunteer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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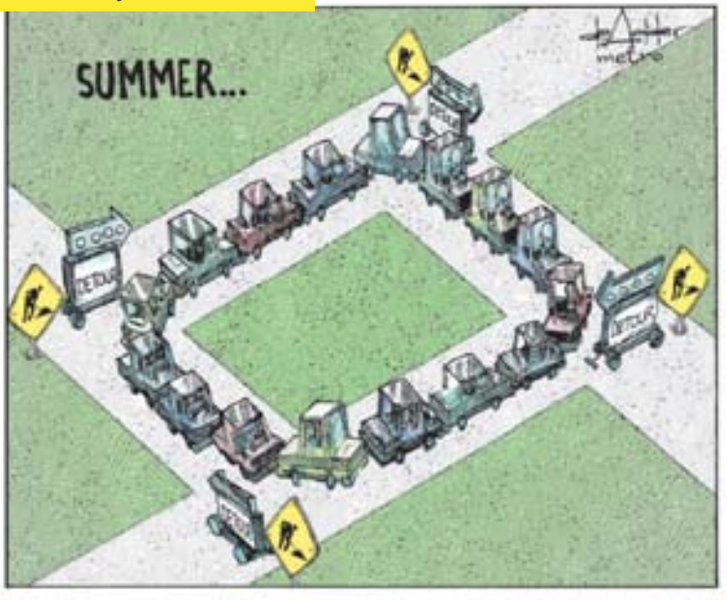

WEIRD NEWS

Snake warrants double take at Ukrainian zoo

A two-headed snake has gone on display at a zoo in southern Ukraine.

The "Skazka" (Fairy tale) zoo in the Crimean city of Yalta on the Black Sea said yesterday that the albino California Kingsnake has two heads that think, react and eat separately, though one is more passive than the other.

Dmytro Tkachov, a zoo worker taking care of the snake, said he puts a barrier between the heads when feeding the snake lest one eats the other.

The snake will be on display at the zoo until mid-September. The zoo would not provide further details. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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